

Public Involvement Plan Proposed Scope of Work – FY 2002–2003

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Title of Proposal: Public Involvement Plan for the Floodplain Habitat Restoration Program

Strategies/Dates:

1. Making the Most of Existing Mechanisms

Invite community organizations/institutions (e.g., Colorado Riverfront Commission, gravel mining companies, Mesa County Land Conservancy, Valley Land Conservancy, Chambers of Commerce, local government agencies, civic organizations, etc.) to meet to discuss the Program and opportunities for partnering.

Schedule: Contact organizations, schedule meetings and presentations (Ongoing)

2. Being a Participant Observer

The Land Acquisition Coordinator came on board in October 1996 to develop easement agreements with willing floodplain landowners. As part of the land acquisition activities, the Coordinator has (and will continue to) contacted many of the PAI's, learning about their values, priorities, needs, hopes, fears, concerns, etc., gaining insights to help address their issues, informing them about our program, and developing partnerships to achieve goals of mutual benefit. The Coordinator has directly contacted most of the private landowners with potential habitat within the highest priority geographic areas on the Green, Colorado, and Gunnison Rivers. By the start of FY2002, all of the potential habitat within priority areas will be identified and all of the remaining landowners will be contacted by letter. Coordinators will also continue to develop partnerships with private non-profit and government entities that own or have a direct relationship with the desired habitat.

Schedule: Coordinators will meet with landowners to acquire easements
(Ongoing)

Coordinators will meet with PAI's to discuss issues (Ongoing)

Budget: FY-2002-2003 \$0K

Note: Public involvement activities for the Floodplain Habitat Restoration Program and Land Acquisition will be funded from Land Acquisition and NEPA budgets.